

REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 13-18 were pending. Claims 13-17 stand rejected, and Claims 2-6 and 18 are objected to. Applicants amend Claims 2-6, 13, and 17 and respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case. Claims 14 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Objections

Claims 13 and 17 were objected to due to informalities. Applicants amend Claims 13 and 17 according to the Examiner's suggestion to amend "power driver" to "semiconductor switch."

The Examiner objected further to the recitation of a transformer being in series with an amplifier of Claim 17. To this end, the Examiner stated that "the specification shows the amplifier symbol designated as U and connected to one terminal block, U designated as transformer." Applicants do not understand this objection. Fig. 3B shows an embodiment in which the internal or external inductance is designated as $L_{Int/Ext}$. The transformer \ddot{U} is coupled with this inductance and followed by amplifier AMP. Thus, the amplifier is shown as coupled in series with the transformer. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigning attorney if necessary to discuss this issue.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 13-15 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,825,620 issued to Roy W. Kuennen et al. ("Kuennen"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit Kuennen does not teach all of the elements of the claimed embodiment of the invention.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir.

1987). Furthermore, “the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.” *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art as anticipated by the Examiner cannot anticipate the rejected Claims, because the cited art does not show all the elements of the present Claims.

Applicants amended Claim 13 to include the limitation “wherein a voltage drop across internal and/or external leakage inductances which are coupled in series with said first and/or second semiconductor switch is utilized for the feedback” from former Claim 14. Moreover this limitation has been clarified with respect to the coupling of the internal and/or external inductances as shown in Figs. 3B and 7 of the present specification. According to the embodiment of Fig. 3B, the transformer is coupled with the output of the power switch to receive the voltage across the internal and/or external inductance $L_{Int/Ext}$.

Kuennen discloses a different arrangement in which the transformer 232 is coupled in series with resonant tank circuit 150. Thus, transformer 232 does not pick up the voltage drop across either an external or internal leakage inductance. Hence, *Kuennen* does not anticipate independent Claim 13. Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent Claims 15-16 are allowable at least to the extent of the independent Claim 13 to which they refer, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the dependent Claims. Applicants reserve the right to make further arguments regarding the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102, if necessary, and do not concede that the Examiner's proposed combinations are proper.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner withdrew the allowability of Claims 13-15 in view of newly discovered reference U.S. Patent 6,825,620 issued to Roy W. Kuennen et al. ("Kuennen").

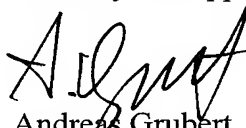
Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2-6 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit amended Claim 17 incorporating the elements of allowable Claims 18.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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